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**Amendments to the Specification:**

At page 5, between the paragraph that ends at line 16 and the paragraph that begins on line 17 insert the following paragraph:

2 The invention also provides an absorbent article adapted to fit about a waist of a wearer, including a rear waist of the wearer. The absorbent article has a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction. The absorbent article further includes front and rear waist sections, an intermediate section, and a gasketing assembly. The rear waist section including a stretchable waist band. The stretchable waist band having a pair of opposite ends, each opposite end carrying a fastener employable to secure the absorbent article about the waist of the wearer with the stretchable waist band under tension. The intermediate section including an absorbent portion. The intermediate section interconnecting the front and rear waist sections. The gasketing assembly operatively joined with a rear waist portion of the stretchable waist band to mechanically deploy at least one gasket element upon tensioning of the stretchable waist band. The gasket element configured to inhibit a longitudinal flow of human discharge along a body faceable surface of the absorbent article.

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